

No 54

## Claim No 54.

Under Article 11. Treaty of 11<sup>th</sup> June. 1866,  
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Snow Sells, <sup>(33)</sup> a Freedman  
of the Creek Nation, loyal Refugee, and Subsequently, a  
Soldier, serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Kansas Col'd  
Infantry; being duly examined and Sworn: (He  
understanding and conversing in the English language.)  
deposes and says: On the night of the 9<sup>th</sup> of August  
1862, whilst he was living on his place on Deep Fork,  
in the Creek Nation, he was driven away by the Rebels  
under Colonel Chas. McIntosh, and fled hastily away, to  
save his life, or from being captured and made his way  
north, to Kansas: That at the time of his flight, as  
aforesaid, he owned and possessed, and necessarily  
abandoned to the enemy, and lost, all the property  
hereinafter enumerated, and that he has never since  
recovered the same, or any part thereof: to Say:

One (1) Fine Saddle Horse, Indian,	at	\$ 100.00
Three (3) Mule Cows, & Calves,	at \$ 15. ea.	45.00
Three (3) Steers,	at \$ 20. "	60.00
Forty (40) Slick Hogs.	at \$ 4 "	160.00
Fifty (50) Bushels Corn (in the field) at 50 <sup>cts</sup> Bu:		25.00
Fifteen (15) Chickens,	" 25 <sup>cts</sup> ea	3.75
Making a total value of		393.75.

three hundred and ninety three dollars, and seventy  
five cents. Further, this



deponent saith not.

Snow Sells,

his  
X  
mark

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, at the Creek  
Agency, Okla. this 8th day of November A.D. 1869.

J. P. O'Connell

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The undersigned Joe Sells, a Freedman, &  
Loyal refugee of the Creek Nation, and Peter Mornious, a  
Mexican, and an adopted citizen of the Creek Nation, also  
a Loyal Refugee, and a Union Soldier in the War of the  
Rebellion, being jointly, duly examined and Sworn:  
(they understanding, and conversing in the English  
language:) do depose and say: They are not interested  
in the claim of Snow Sells in any manner whatever,  
pecuniarily, or otherwise: The said Joe Sells, for himself  
says, that he is not related to the claimant, but was  
simply owned by the same Master, as was the claimant.  
That they have heard the foregoing affidavit read to  
them, and know its contents, and that the same is correct  
and true. These deponents further state, that: to their  
own knowledge the said Snow Sells, did, at the time  
of his flight from home, own and possess, and did,  
necessarily, abandon and lose all the property set  
out in his deposition, and in the manner stated  
therein by him. Further these Deponents do not say:

Joe Sells,

his

X

mark

Peter Mornious,

his

X

mark



Subscribed and sworn to before me, at the Creek  
Agency, Ok., this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1869.

J. H. O'Connell  
Maj. Gen. Inf. Asst. Supt. Ind. Affs.  
South & Suplcy.

### Award,

The loss of property specified above, is  
deemed established by the foregoing testimony.  
Also, the status of claimant. The amount  
claimed, however, is, in some instances, con-  
sidered excessive. Upon inquiry, it is found,  
the values of the different kinds of property, at  
the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows:

Horses - Indian, saddle,	\$25.00 Each.
Cows - (Milch) & calves:	8.00 "
Steers:	8.00 "
Hogs:	2.00 "
Chickens:	12½ "

In consideration of these, and all other  
facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we  
believe it just and equitable to award this  
claimant Snow Sells One hundred and  
seventy nine dollars, eighty seven and one  
half cents.

\$179  $\frac{87\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ .

J. H. O'Connell  
Prot. Maj. Gen. U.S.A. Supt. Ind. Aff. to Supt. Gen.